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AN ADVOCATE FOR US



**We passed an increase in the minimum wage and a Paid Family and Medical Leave program** to provide up to 12 weeks of paid leave for new parents and those taking care of seriously ill family members.



Our new state budget cuts income taxes for seniors on Social Security and pensions.



I led the effort to ban ghost guns and require firearms to be stored more safely in homes and vehicles.



We delivered increased protections for immigrants from overreach by ICE.



We led the way to require nursing homes to post information regarding the number of nurses on duty.

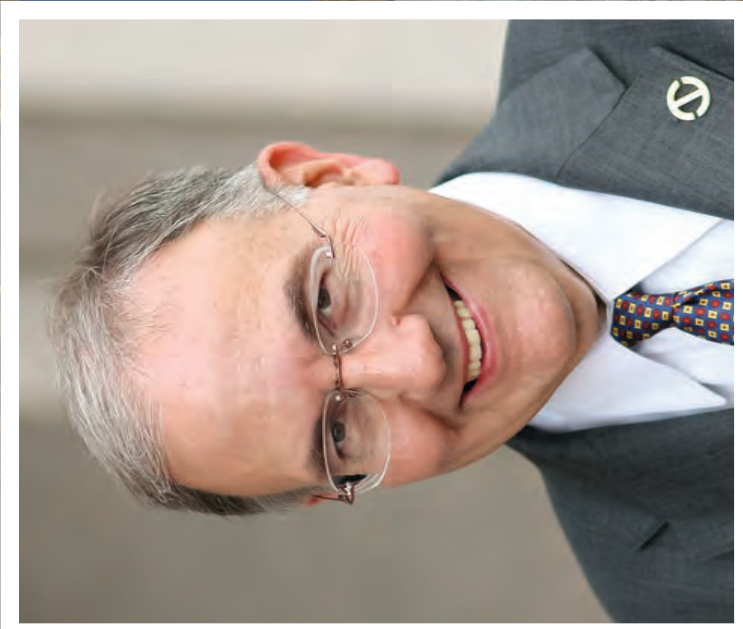
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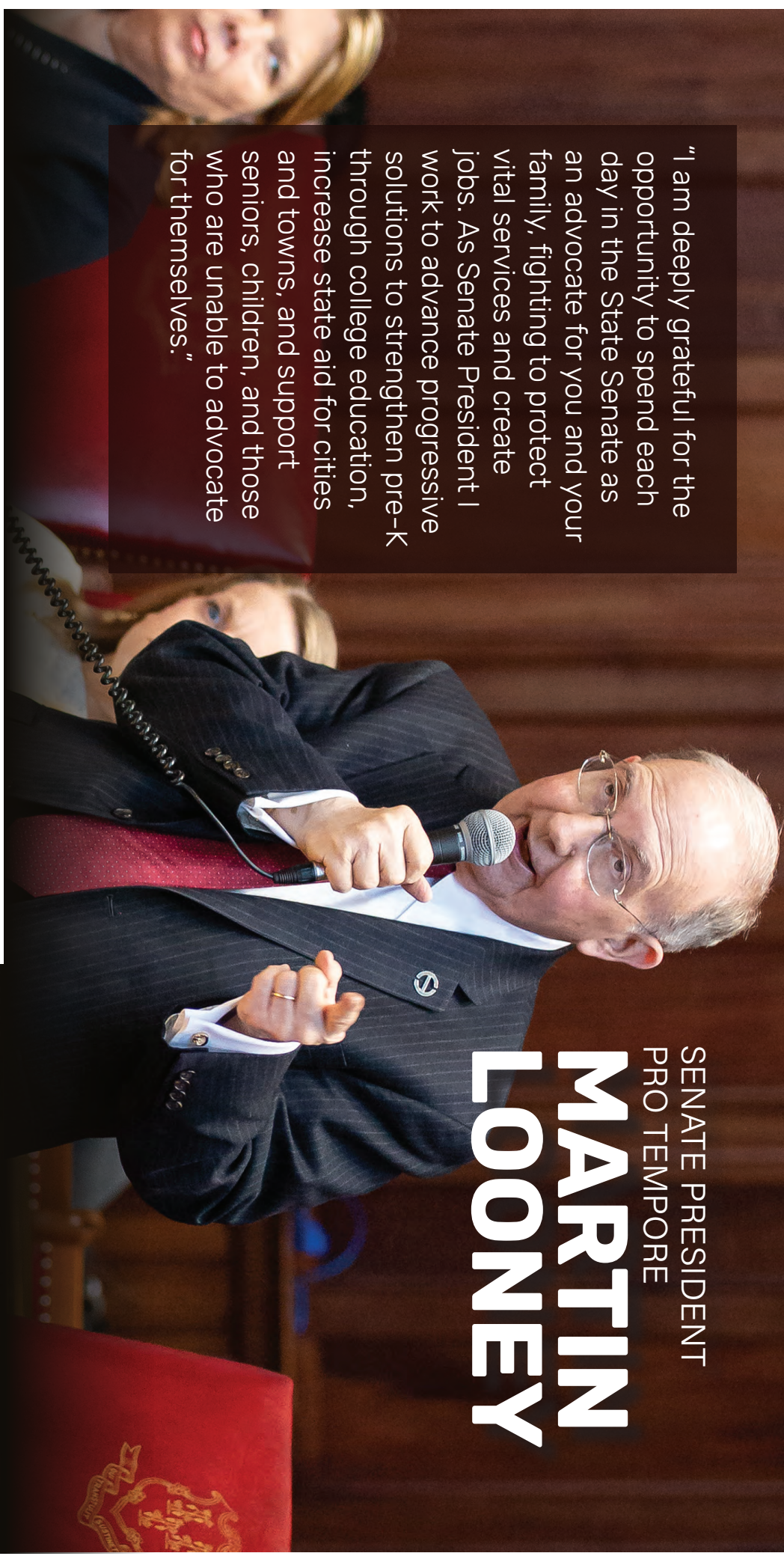
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"I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to spend each day in the State Senate as an advocate for you and your family, fighting to protect vital services and create jobs. As Senate President I work to advance progressive solutions to strengthen pre-K through college education, increase state aid for cities and towns, and support seniors, children, and those who are unable to advocate for themselves."



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**State funding supported many local projects:**

- **Increased state education funding for New Haven** by \$2.9 million in Fiscal Year 2020 and \$5.9 million in 2021 for a total of \$158 million and \$161 million respectively
- **Increased state education funding for Hamden** by \$1.2 million in Fiscal Year 2020 and \$2.5 million in 2021 for a total of \$28.6 million and \$29.9 million respectively
- **Improvements for the New Haven port** including a long-term plan and freight rail connections
- **Flood control and shoreline rehabilitation at East Shore Park** and Long Wharf in New Haven to increase the resiliency of these areas
- **Additional school grants** for Hamden Middle School and New Haven's Beecher, Rogers, Fair Haven, and Truman Schools
- **Renovations and improvements at the Connecticut Children's Museum** in New Haven
- **Improvements to the Little League baseball fields** in Fairmont Park
- **Alterations, improvements, and renovations at Fair Haven Community Health Center**

**STRENGTHENING OUR ECONOMY  
AND EDUCATION SYSTEM**

- Connecticut's new Paid Family and Medical Leave program will provide up to 12 weeks of paid leave for new parents, those taking care of seriously ill family members, and those caring for their own serious illnesses starting in 2022.
- Connecticut will raise the minimum wage to \$15 by 2023.
- The Workforce Pipeline & Apprenticeship initiative was expanded to train people seeking employment and directly place up to 10,000 participants into good-paying jobs.
- Debt-free community college will begin in the fall of 2020 for Connecticut residents.



**PREVENTING GUN VIOLENCE  
AND REFORMING CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

- The Time's Up Act will extend our statute of limitations for sexual assault crimes and require more employee training to prevent sexual harassment.
- Banned dangerous and untraceable "ghost guns" which are purchased online or manufactured on 3-D printers.
- Increased police accountability through more data transparency and better access to police body cameras.

**A HEALTHY CONNECTICUT**

- Raised the age for smoking and vaping to 21 and banned vaping on school grounds.
- Increased insurance coverage for mental health services.
- Fought back against the opioid epidemic through expanded treatment and increased monitoring.

**Stay in touch. I want to hear from you:**

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**Passing a Fiscally  
Responsible State Budget**

- No increase in the general sales tax rate
- No increase in the income tax rate
- The Rainy Day Fund has reached an all-time high of \$2.45 billion
- Increased funding for education
- Cut income taxes for seniors on Social Security and pensions

**NEW PROTECTIONS FOR PATIENTS**

This year I developed a bipartisan measure to enact a number of consumer protections in the health care industry. The new law:

- Expands the state's first-in-the-nation surprise billing laws to prevent surprise billing on laboratory tests.
- Bans insurers from overcharging patients through contracts with third party vendors.
- Shortens the amount of time insurers have to respond to urgent care requests.
- Creates a task force to make recommendations to curb the costs of high-deductible health plans.
- Prohibits insurers from denying coverage for ER services for potential health emergencies. If a patient goes to the ER with chest pain but doctors determine it was not a heart attack, now that patient will still be covered by insurance even though the ER visit was not an actual emergency. No one suffering a potential health crisis should delay a trip to the emergency room because of fear of being stuck with the bill.

